GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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Talent Search Portal
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start a Talent Search Portal;
(b) if so, the details and the objectives thereof along with the number of districts in which the said scheme has been launched, State/UT-wise;
(c) the number of children selected through the said portal so far, State/UT-wise;
(d) whether any nodal officer has been appointed for ensuring transparency in this scheme and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to ensure the participation of talented children from the rural areas in the National Level Games?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
FOR YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS
(SHRI VIJAY GOEL)
(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. This Ministry through Sports Authority of India (SAI) has undertaken the task of development of a suitable portal where the players, both Boys and Girls belonging to various sports disciplines can register themselves and upload their performance/achievement in Organised events in the proposed portal through an application process. The process of development of the portal is in progress and the portal will be launched in due course.
(c) & (d) Does not arise.
(e) This Ministry is implementing a Scheme called "Khelo India − National Programme for Development of Sports" as a Central Sector Scheme from the current financial year 2016-17. The Scheme, inter-alia, provides for holding of annual sports competitions in two age groups of (i) under 14 and (ii) under 17 all over India to encourage mass participation of both boys and girls in Sports in both urban and rural areas. Talented sportspersons who emerge from the District/State/UT level competitions participate in the National Level Competitions under the Scheme.
Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), financial assistance is provided to NSFs for organising one National level Championship at the rate of Rs. 2.00 lakh for seniors, Rs.4.00 lakh for Junior Championship and Rs. 6.00 lakh for sub-junior championship in a year. In addition, National Games are also held in collaboration by the Ministry and the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) through States to which the same are allotted by IOA.
To promote sports in the country, Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing the following sports promotional schemes to identify talented sports persons in the age group of 8-25 years and nurture them to excel in National and International Competitions :
? National Sports Talent Contest Scheme (NSTC)
? Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)
? SAI Training Centre (STC)
? Special Area Games (SAG)
? Extension Centre of STC/SAG
? Centre of Excellence (CoE)
? National Sports Academies (NSA)
The majority of the sports persons selected under the above schemes are generally from the rural and backward area of the country and provided with regular sports training which help ensure the participation of talented children from the country, including children from rural areas in the National Level Games.
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